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NEW FUEL INTRODUCED: PEAT AND SHALE OUTPUT INCREASE

WASTE MATERIAL YIELDS FUEL -- Kommunist, No 120, 24 May 49

The Arkhangel'sk Hydrolysis Plant has started production of a new type of fuel, lignin briquettes. The raw material for this product is waste from hydrolysis production, which formerly had not been used for any purpose.

A workshop for the production of briquettes has been built at the plant and equipped with highly productive presses. Lignin briquettes have a high fuel value. One ton of briquettes replaces about 5 cubic meters of wood. They can also be used for gas generator installations.

MOSCOW PEAT CUTTING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE -- Trud, No 126, 31 May 49

The peat season is in full swing in the Moscow area. The Orekhovo-Zuyeveskiy Peat Trust completed the 5-month gross-production plan by 21 May. The removal of peat sods began 3 weeks ahead of schedule. Thousands of tons of high-grade peat have already been stacked. Shatura peat workers fulfilled the 2-month plan for cutting peat 10 days ahead of schedule. All enterprises of the Yaroslavl' Trust are regularly exceeding their quotas.

LENINGRAD PEAT WORKERS EXCEED PLAN -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 133, 8 Jun 49

In April, Leningrad peat workers cut 160,000 tons of high-grade peat above the plan and won first place in the system of the Main Administration of the Peat Industry of the Ministry of Electric Power Plants USSR.

On 7 June the "Lengostorf" (Leningrad State Peat) Trust received word that Leningrad peat workers had been awarded the Transferable Red Banner of the Council of Ministers USSR and a prize of 315,000 rubles as a result of the all-Union socialist competition of peat workers.

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NEW SHALE MINE IN OPERATION -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 128, 2 Jun 49

The "Kiviyli" Combine has tried out a second new vertical hoist for shale mining. Tests proved satisfactory. The powerful hoist, which is installed in a vertical mine, delivers the shale directly from the mine to the surface for grading. Parts of the new machine were made at the Tallin Machine-Building Plant. Assembly of parts was done at the mine by mechanics of the "Il'marino" Plant.

The use of the new hoist has made it possible to put into operation a new mine which will greatly increase the shale output of the "Kiviyli" Combine.

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